**Development of Buckingham Canal**

1573. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to declare the Buckingham Canal from Kakinada to Marakkanam a National Waterway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Govemment are considering to develop the said proposed National Waterway at a cost of Rs. 651 crores for cargo movement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir A proposal to declare Kakinada-Marakkanam-Pondicherry canal stretch along with Bhadrachalam-Rajamundhry stretch of Godavari river and Wazirabad-Vijaywada stretch of Krishna river totaling 1095 km as a National Waterway is under consideration.

(b) and (c) The cost estimates have not yet been firmed up.

**Road proposals of Madhya Pradesh**

†1574. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent the proposals for approval of Rupees 481.95 crore for constructing 1379 kilometers of roads on 240 routes for the development of 89 adivasi blocks;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Central Government on the said proposal;

(c) by when sanction would be accorded to the proposal;

(d) whether there are obstacles in according the sanction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Agencies engaged in stripping work**

1575 SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPOFIT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private/Government recognized agencies engaged in shipping work at different ports;

(b) the dcitails of payments made to each shipping company during the last three years and the outstanding amount still due to shipping companies; and

(c) by when Government would make payments of outstanding amount of subsidies! due to different shipping companies?

THE MINISTER OFSHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Tatsle of the House.

**Second container terminal at Chennai**

1576. S HRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chennai Port Trust is considering setting up a second container temninal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Belgium Port Authorities have shown keen intersst to develop a second container terminal at Chennai; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE Ml NISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T *R.* BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Th€! proposal is in its nascent stage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.